every year on this account, and the loss per post card;

(b) whether there is persistent shortage of post cards in post offices and outlets specially in villages and rural areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a separate and specific type of post card meant for use exclusively for different Radio and TV entertainment and quiz programmes etc., to meet this shortage and to make good the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The total amount of estimated loss to the Department on post cards during 1994-95 is Rs. 94.13 crores and the loss per Postcard is Rs. 1.58.

(b) and (c) The shortages have persisted owing to rising demand and static production capacities of the Government Security Presses. The position is likely to ease with supply of postcards printed in designated private Presses.

(d) There is a proposal to introduce a separate category of postcards for TV and Radio Quiz contests by appropriate legislation.

Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana

1197. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a new scheme "Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana";

(b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme has been extended in the backward and tribal districts of Gujarat State; and

(d) if so, the details ot the location where this scheme, is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objective of the scheme is to provide basic postal facilities in Gram Panchayat villages where there is no Post Office, through the agency of Gram Panchayat.

(c) When the Government adopt the scheme for all India, it will extend to the backward and tribal districts of Gujarat.

(d) The locations will be identified only after the Government have adopted the scheme.

"Projects for Conservation of Environment and Forests in Tamil Nadu"

1198. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for conservation of environment and forests started in Tamil Nadu with assistance from Union Government and also from foreign institutions during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government and foreign institutions separately for each of these projects; and

(c) the progress made in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)to (c) The details of the projects for conservation of environment and forests